

Proposed Amendments to the Constitution of Missouri.

FIRST CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT.—Joint and concurrent resolution submitting to the qualified voters of the State of Missouri an amendment to section 47 of article IV of the constitution thereof.

Be it resolved by the Senate, the House of Representatives concurring therein: That at the general election to be held on the Tuesday next following for the Monday in November, 1904, the following amendment to section 47 of article IV of the constitution of the State of Missouri, concerning the salary of members of police departments in cities having one hundred thousand inhabitants or more, who may become disabled, crippled or superannuated, and of their widows and minor children after their deaths, and of the widows and minor children of deceased members of police departments in such cities, shall be submitted to the qualified voters of said state, to wit:

Section 1. That section 47 of article IV of the constitution be amended by adding thereto the following words, to wit: "and provided further, that the general assembly may provide by law for the pensioning of members of police departments in cities having one hundred thousand inhabitants or more, who may become disabled, crippled or superannuated, and for the relief of the widows and minor children of such persons after their deaths, and of the relief of the widows and minor children of deceased members of police departments in such cities; the funds for such purposes to be appropriated as provided by the general assembly from the municipal revenue of such cities."

SECOND CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT.—Joint and concurrent resolution submitting to the qualified voters of the State of Missouri an amendment to the constitution thereof, providing for the reservation to the people of the right to propose measures for enactment, to require enactments of the general assembly to be submitted to a vote of the people for ratification, and to define referendum and initiative petitions and the relations of the executive and the general assembly to measures approved or enacted by electors.

Be it resolved by the Senate, the House of Representatives concurring therein: That at the general election to be held on the Tuesday next following for the Monday in November, 1904, the following amendment to the constitution of the State of Missouri, concerning taxation, shall be submitted to the qualified voters of said state, to wit:

Section 1. The legislative power, subject to the limitations hereafter contained, shall be vested in a senate and house of representatives. The general assembly of the state of Missouri. The legislative power of any municipal division of this state (such as city, town or village), on its own municipal matters, is inherent and shall be vested in the electors of each municipal division, subject to such laws of a general nature, having uniform operation throughout the state as the general assembly may enact. A number of electors in each congressional district in this state, equal to ten per cent of the total number of votes cast in each congressional district at the last preceding general election for governor, shall have power to propose any law, amendment to or repeal of a law, and require that it be referred to the electors of the state, except as above stated, to be voted on at the next general election, provided, the election does not occur within ninety days after the filing of the petition with the secretary of the state, and such law shall be in effect from and after the date of the official declaration of the result of the vote, if approved by a majority of those voting thereon.

A number of electors in each congressional district in this state equal to twenty per cent of the total number of votes cast in each congressional district at the last preceding general election for governor, shall have power to propose any law, amendment to or repeal of a law, and require that it be referred to the electors of the state, except as above stated, to be voted on at the next general election, provided, the election does not occur within ninety days after the filing of the petition with the secretary of the state, and such law shall be in effect from and after the date of the official declaration of the result of the vote, if approved by a majority of those voting thereon.

PEARL MAKING BY JAPS.

Eugenious Method of Forcing Oysters to Form the Gems in a Hurry.

The customs officials of the treasury have just passed upon a curious case showing how the shrewd Japanese are at work forcing oysters to make pearls. The pearl-bearing oyster of all countries occasionally turns out rare and valuable pearls, but they do so at their own leisure. They take plenty of time, with the result that few oysters make pearls.

Through human initiative the Japanese oyster is made to form pearls against his or her own wishes. Some time ago pearls were received in this country from Japan resembling split or half pearls, and the story came out then. From information it was found that the pearls were produced in Japan by boring holes through the shell of the pearl-bearing oyster and inserting therein a small plug of mother-of-pearl, the globular surface of which extends into the cavity of the shell.

To protect itself from the irritation caused by this foreign substance the oyster coats it with successive layers of nacre in the same manner that it forms the natural pearl. After a period of about two years the bivalve thus treated is opened and the pearl that has been formed is sawed from the shell. When extracted it is in the form of a half shell. Though of excellent quality, they are distinguishable by an examination of their base. They are of less value than those produced entirely by natural means.

The collector at the port where they came in assessed them for duty at 60 per cent ad valorem, but the importers claimed that the pearls were dutiable at only 10 per cent ad valorem, being pearls in their "natural" state and not "manufactured." The board of appraisers in New York has sustained this view and have

assessed the pearls at only 10 per cent.

The United States supreme court has held that a thing that is "manufactured" is something made by hand, as distinguished from a "natural" growth. In this instance the pearls could not be considered as "manufactured," and the wily Jap comes out ahead in his game with the oyster and with the customs authorities of this country. If the pearls were held to be manufactured they would have to pay a duty of 60 per cent ad valorem.

FLEA AHEAD OF RABBIT. Thereby Scoring Victory for the Carnivorous Over the Herbivorous Disputant.

One of the justices of the United States supreme court dined recently with a Washington family who are ardent advocates of a vegetarian diet. In the course of dinner, which consisted, says the New York Evening Post, of all the delicacies of edible plant life now in season, the host undertook the conversion of her beef-reared guest.

But despite her arguments, which were cleverly based on the chemical constituents of various kinds of food, the jurist was not convinced.

"But surely, Mr. Justice," she said, finally, "you must admit that vegetarianism means strength and ability when you remember that the rabbit, which feeds wholly on vegetables, can make such great leaps over the ground from hiding-place to hiding-place."

"True madam," answered the distinguished man, gravely, "but we must also remember that the minute creature for which naturalists claim the ability to jump more times its own length than any other belongs to the class of pure carnivora."

Marconi's Greatest Station. At Coltano, near Pisa, Mr. Marconi is erecting a high-power elec-

tric station for wireless telegraphy, which, it is intended, shall begin working early in 1905, and which will be the largest in the world. This station, it is averred, will be able to communicate with Great Britain, the Netherlands, the United States and Canada, and also with vessels in the Mediterranean, the Baltic, the Red sea, the Atlantic ocean and the Indian ocean.—Youth's Companion.

Russian Conscripts. The Russian monnik, or peasant, is absolutely helpless in the hands of the conscription officer. He is not in any way consulted as to whether he shall serve in the army or in the navy. The conscripts in Russia stand in a line and the conscription officer, chalk in hand, walks past, marking on each of the men's sheepskin coats the sign which indicates whether the wearer is to be drafted into the military or naval service.

The Coarse Critic. "Scripps says he always does his best when writing on an empty stomach."

"H'm," answered the coarse critic. "It reads more like an empty head."—Washington Star.

Much More. George—What can be more sickening than to see another fellow making love to a girl?

Harry—To see another fellow making love to your girl.—Town Topics.

Health Rules on Match Boxes. It is interesting to learn just now, when there is so much being done to prevent the spread of tuberculosis by expectoration, that the Argentine health department has been working on different lines to accomplish the same end.

Simple instructions explaining how to prevent the spread of tuberculosis have been printed on the labels of more than 8,000,000 match boxes sent out as an experiment.—N. Y. Herald.

STATE OF MISSOURI.—I, Sam B. Cook, Secretary of State of the State of Missouri, hereby certify that the foregoing are full, true and complete copies of the concurrent resolutions of the Forty-Second General Assembly of the State of Missouri—First constitutional amendment, entitled:

"Joint and concurrent resolution submitting to the qualified voters of the State of Missouri an amendment to the constitution thereof, providing for the reservation to the people of the right to propose measures for enactment, to require enactments of the general assembly to be submitted to a vote of the people for ratification, and to define referendum and initiative petitions and the relations of the executive and the general assembly to measures approved or enacted by electors."

Second constitutional amendment, entitled: "Joint and concurrent resolution submitting to the qualified voters of the State of Missouri an amendment to the constitution thereof, providing for the reservation to the people of the right to propose measures for enactment, to require enactments of the general assembly to be submitted to a vote of the people for ratification, and to define referendum and initiative petitions and the relations of the executive and the general assembly to measures approved or enacted by electors."

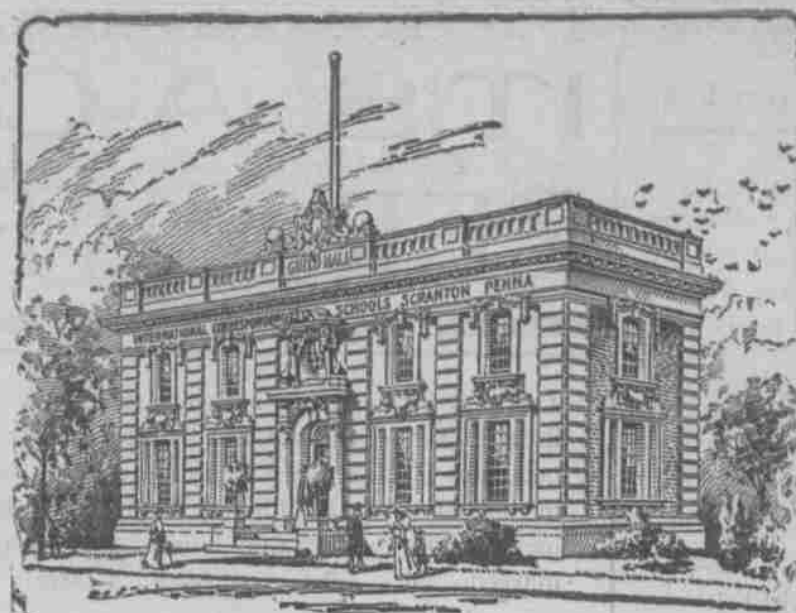
Third constitutional amendment, entitled: "Senate joint and concurrent resolution submitting to the qualified voters of the state an amendment to article X of the constitution of the State of Missouri, concerning taxation, to be designated as section twenty-seven (27)."

Fourth constitutional amendment, entitled: "Joint and concurrent resolution submitting to the qualified voters of the state an amendment to the constitution of Missouri, repealing section 24, article XII, and enacting a new section in lieu thereof."

Fifth constitutional amendment, entitled: "Joint and concurrent resolution submitting to the qualified voters of the State of Missouri an amendment to the constitution providing for the creation of a fund to erect a new state capitol."

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I hereunto set my hand and affix the GREAT SEAL of the State of Missouri. Done at office in the City of Jefferson this thirtieth day of September, A. D. 1904.

Sam B. Cook
Secretary of State.



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